

**Council Meeting Number 13-2021**  
**Addendum**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**Delegations**

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Delegation Number 3.

3. Matthew Gventer and Julia Lynch will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 2 with respect to Long-Term Care.

**Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery**

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Motion of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery Number 1.

1. Moved by Mayor Paterson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hill

**That** the sincere condolences of Kingston City Council be extended to the family, friends, Kingston Police and the hockey community on the passing of Kingston Police Sergeant Stephen Carter. Sergeant Carter, who passed away May 13, 2021 at the age of 46, began his career with Kingston Police in 1999 and served in the Uniformed Patrol, Street Crime, Emergency Response, Criminal Investigations, Training units, and most recently in the Communications Unit. Prior to his policing career Sergeant Carter had a successful hockey career, playing for the Kingston Voyageurs, Detroit Junior Red Wings, Belleville Bulls, Fort Worth Fire, Fort Worth Brahmas and Tamworth Braves. Sergeant Carter is survived by his wife, Detective Amy Carter, children Cole and Maddie, and parents, Karen and retired Kingston Police Staff Sergeant Rick Carter.

**Miscellaneous Business**

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Miscellaneous Business 4.

4. **That** notwithstanding section 3.1.4, subsection (v) of the First Capital Place Illumination Policy, Council approve the application submitted by Amie McLean, VON, for the illumination of City Hall and Springer Market Square on May 25, 2021 for "VON Week".

**(See Communication 13-536)**

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**Communications**

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Communication Numbers 13-534, 13-536 and 13-537.

13-534 Correspondence received from Irene Watt, Kingston Faith & Justice Coalition with respect to support for Motion by Councillors Holland and McLaren, dated May 14, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on May 17, 2021)

(Attached to the Addendum as schedule page 1)

13-536 Illumination Application received from Amie McLean requesting City Hall and Springer Market Square be lit blue on May 25, 2021 for "VON Week".

(Distributed to all members of Council on May 18, 2021)

(Attached to the Addendum as schedule pages 2-3)

13-537 Correspondence received from Mary Farrar with respect to Important info concerning the proposed clean-up of Kingston's Inner Harbour, dated May 17, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on May 18, 2021)

(Attached to the Addendum as schedule pages 4-9)

**From:** Irene Watt  
**Sent:** May 14, 2021 11:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca)>  
**Subject:** support for motion by Councillors Holland and MacLaren

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Dear Sir:

The Kingston Faith & Justice Coalition is a group of people of faith with a concern for social justice.

We are in support of the motion by Councillors Holland and MacLaren that staff be directed to report on municipal, provincial or federal properties that could be available for long-term care facilities owned and operated by public and/or not-for-profit partners and that staff provide information on cost of construction, potential subsidies and the cost of operating long-term-care homes.

Would you please notify all Councillors of our support of this motion.

Thank you,

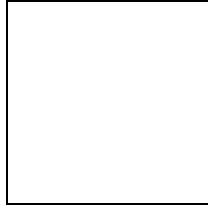
Irene Watt

for the Kingston Faith & Justice Coalition

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<p><b>COMMUNICATION No: 13-534</b></p>
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**Light up City Hall Application**

Name	Amie McLean
Email	<input type="text"/>
Address	Street Address:
Organization Name	VON
Organization Address	Street Address: 745 Progress Avenue, Kingston, ON, Canada Street Address Line 2: 1 City: Kingston Province: Ontario Postal Code: K7M 6S4
Website	<a href="http://www.von.ca">www.von.ca</a>
Is your organization not-for-profit?	Yes
Name of Cause, Activity, or Event	VON Week
Date Requested	05-25-2021
Explain how your illumination is of interest or benefit to the citizens of Kingston.	VON provides many services for our community. Lighting it up Blue is recognizing the incredible job our staff do every day to provide those services.
Areas to Illuminate	Both
Are there recognizable colours associated with your cause, event or activity?	Yes
Primary Colour	Blue
Secondary Colour	Blue

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**COMMUNICATION**

**No: 13-536**

**From:** mary farrar  
**Sent:** May 17, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** Bolognone,John <[jbolognone@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:jbolognone@cityofkingston.ca)>  
**Subject:** Important info concerning the proposed clean-up of Kingston's Inner Harbour

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Hi John,  
 Could you please include the following as official correspondence on the file for the proposed Inner Harbour clean-up.

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour remain very concerned about the proposal put forward by Transport Canada and city staff to remediate contaminants along the shoreline of Kingston's Inner Harbour.

We have formed a working group of 21 interested citizens and will be meeting with our MP Mark Gerretsen, tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Earlier this morning (Monday, May 17) I sent the following e-mail to Mark Gerretsen and Ann, his assistant, by way of preparation for our meeting.

I gather Mark is also speaking to Council tomorrow. I'm hoping you find this information useful in your deliberations.

We would truly like to work collaboratively with the City, other stakeholders, MP Mark Gerretsen, and all relevant federal departments towards more viable and comprehensive long-term solutions.

Thank you all, in advance, for considering our opinions.

Sincerely,

Mary Farrar, President,

Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour

<http://www.friendsofinnerharbour.com>

Dear Mark and Ann,

Thanks so much for agreeing to meet with us tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

**We know that you care about the environment** and want to create a better world for our children and grandchildren.

We also understand that **as a developer you care about extraordinary businesses** like Metal Craft Marine in Kingston's Inner Harbour.

**We applaud the federal government's initiative to clean up contaminated sites** outlined in the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/federal-contaminated-sites/action-plan.html>

However, on page 133 of this report it states that both the Kingston Outer Harbour and Inner Harbour are planned to receive remediation funding in Phase IV with a view towards a **“Planned Fiscal Year of Site Closure” in 2025.**

**We are very concerned about what is currently being proposed** especially its implications for the future of Kingston’s Inner Harbour.

**We are asking for your help.**

**We would like to work with you, the federal government, the municipal government and other stakeholders to create a more comprehensive and viable long-term plan than that brought forward in the report to Council, April 6, 2021.**

[https://www.cityofkingston.ca/documents/10180/13878/City-Council\\_Meeting-10-2021\\_Report-21-107\\_KIH-Sediment.pdf/8fd7aabf-a8b1-7a3b-914f-04373c06bbd3?t=1617286591110](https://www.cityofkingston.ca/documents/10180/13878/City-Council_Meeting-10-2021_Report-21-107_KIH-Sediment.pdf/8fd7aabf-a8b1-7a3b-914f-04373c06bbd3?t=1617286591110)

**The more comprehensive approach we are looking for would:**

**1. Deal fairly and transparently with stakeholders.**

**Which/ when/how many public consultations and information sessions are planned?**

**2. Deal in a responsible manner with contamination IN AND AROUND the Inner Harbour. (Toronto is doing it with funding from all levels of government in the Toronto Pork Lands and Don River. Why not Kingston?)**

**3. Take into account sensitive wildlife receptors AND their habitats.**

**4. Take into account lease tenants, and their livelihoods.**

**5. Take into account all possible remedies:**

**How about geo-synthetic clay liner? Reactive treatment layers? Were/will they be considered?**

**6. Have a redundant and robust monitoring plan and multiple levels of contingency to protect the river water during the project.**

**7. Have a long lifespan.**

Here is a bit of background summarizing our major concerns for you to consider prior to our meeting this Tuesday and for you to have a record of our concerns as of May, 2021. A bit more is added here to the information you have already have from us.

**1. Rationale for the project? Why is it needed?**

- The cart is being put before the horse. We are not being allowed to comment on whether or not the clean-up is needed. We are only being offered the opportunity to comment on what form the clean-up will take. Not fair!

**Strong arguments can be made that digging up contaminants and thereby re-suspending them in the flowing water causes more problems than it solves.**

**a) Given how heavy metals work** - binding with acids, sinking to the bottom, blending with the clay, and subsequently getting further buried under years of dead vegetation -perhaps it makes more sense to just leave Nature to do its work.

**b) Dredging and capping both cause re-suspension.**

**c) Dredging in still ponds is not the same as dredging where water flows.** Studies of one situation cannot be applied to the other as an adequate rationale.

**d) When we don't know what Transport Canada is proposing it is difficult to evaluate actions (e.g. suction dredging into a steel-walled containment area?).** What is the evidence that this method (and other methods proposed can be done without re-suspension of particulate?)

**e) Given the patterns of river and lake flow, this re-suspended material will travel** up and down the river as well as west along the Kingston shoreline before heading south to the Rochester, NY area and then down to Montreal potentially causing problems for drinking water and swimming. **Potential liability?**

**f) Revetment is not suitable for either erosion or limiting public access.** It actually causes erosion when rain and wave action loosens soil behind the rocks. If the purpose is to inhibit people from entering the water, it doesn't make sense because people don't go in the water there anyway except to get in or out of small watercraft like kayaks.

**g) Silt fencing.** There are differing reports as to its efficacy and safety.

**h) Transport Canada wants to divest itself of its water lots.** Is this in fact the driving factor?

**i) <https://www.kingstonist.com/news/work-continues-to-clean-up-styrofoam-from-catarauqui-river/>** In May 13 2021 news the Kingstonist reported that Third Crossing construction crews are dealing with damage to the turbidity curtains created by wildlife over Winter. We would like to know how this damage affected the river water quality (since Winter) and **how will the proposed clean-up avoid similar damage in the case of contaminated sediment escape?** We would like to know Transport Canada's contingency plans for events such as this.

**j) Are companies that can be hired to do the dredging a factor** behind the scenes?

**k) Local residents have seen a dramatic increase in local Inner Harbour wildlife.** Although it is not scientific proof that the contaminants are being buried to the point of no worry, it is definitely the feeling of local community members. In our capture-release study where we tagged 137 turtles, there was no sign of deformity due to pollutants. Problems were with boat propellers damaging shells.

## **2. Re-suspension of Pollution in the river. How much pollution is considered OK and why?**

- **“The solution to pollution is dilution”** a mantra of Golder's (Engineering Consultants hired to create the map we have seen about proposed areas slated for dredging, capping and revetment) needs further explanation. We need real



scientific rationales for why certain levels are considered acceptable in this 21<sup>st</sup> century where people care so much more about environmental impact.

### **3. Where this dehydrated contaminated sludge will be taken**

- We need to be concerned about creating possible problems elsewhere.
- Recently some dredging hasn't occurred in other sites because of lack of certified space to deposit it.
- Again, what constitutes the rationale for why some sites are considered OK?

### **4. Dealing with the continuing infiltration of contaminants after the proposed clean-up.**

**This is a huge amount of tax-payer money to be spending on something that may have to be done again in the future.**

- **Brownfields sites continue to contribute to the problem of contaminants in water lots. Cleaning up what exists in the water lots will not solve the problem.** Contaminants from on-land Brownfield sites will continue to leach into the water from underground water flows, both natural and man-made.
- **Storm water overflow into the Orchard St. Marsh continues to dig up contaminants.**
- **What is the timeline for the next clean-up? 10, 50, 100 years?**
- **Instead of the federal government giving money for this water lot clean-up, doesn't it make more sense for the feds to implement a comprehensive approach with the City to also give money to the municipality for relevant brownfield clean-up?**

### **5. Business and Heritage in the Inner Harbour need protection! Can you help?**

- **It is unconscionable that Metal Craft Marine would be required to shut down permanently.** They hire 95 people. They are a vibrant worldwide business with a niche market for fire and rescue boats. They cannot function without leasing the slips and water entry from Transport Canada. Transport Canada is raising leasing rates by over 730% over the next few years!
- **Kingston's Inner Harbour is Canada's oldest continuous boat building location!** The Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour's Cataraqui Boatyard Project has just begun trying to draw attention to this fact through building replicas of heritage boats. Last season we organized the community build of a traditional Algonquin birch bark canoe. **Kingston's Inner Harbour has huge tourism potential in this regard – like Mystic, Connecticut.**

Threatening not to renew Metal Craft Marine's leasing arrangement for slips is wrong. Shutting down the harbour is a mistake from the perspective of future tourism.

### **6. Lack of access to research done by and/or accessed by Transport Canada. Can you help?**

- Thank you for the link to request information from Transport Canada. We have followed up with them to try and access the 2014 report from RMC and anything subsequent. They replied saying that it would be over 6000 pages and would take over a year. So we have now requested just the abstract and bibliography of papers

published over the last two years to get an idea of what we would like to explore further. This all takes time. Is there any way you can expedite this?

### **7. Lack of Consultation with members of Kingston's Urban Indigenous community so far**

- As stated at the outset so far the stakeholder outreach has not been satisfactory. We should have been consulted earlier with respect to whether or not the project should go forward at all.

Thanks so much for agreeing to meet with us.  
We are really looking forward to meeting with you with a view towards further collaboration.

Jeremy Milloy will be fielding the questions so as to make best use of the half-hour time slot.

Perhaps you and he can work out whether he or you is calling the meeting?  
At this point, we are not exactly sure how many of the group will be able to attend.  
The twenty-one copied above are to be invited - hoping that's OK.

Sincerely,  
Mary Farrar, President,  
Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour  
<http://www.friendsofinnerharbour.com>



(on behalf of members of the FKIH environmental working group copied above)

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